Amendments to the Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A glass forming tube about which newly formed and coated glass fiber is wound to form a cake of glass fiber, the forming tube comprising:

a plurality of paperboard plies spirally wound one upon another about an axis of the forming tube and adhered together to form a tubular body wall, wherein at least an outermost one of the plies comprises paperboard treated with a sizing compound so as to render the paperboard substantially impervious to liquid coating composition applied to the glass fiber but pervious to vapors generated during curing and drying of a cake of glass fiber.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A glass forming tube for receiving coated glass fiber wound thereon during production of the glass fiber, the forming tube comprising:

a tubular body wall formed of fibrous material, the body wall being pervious to vapors generated during drying or curing of coating material applied to the glass fiber.

10. (Original) The glass forming tube of claim 9, wherein the body wall comprises paperboard.

11. (Original) The glass forming tube of claim 10, wherein the paperboard is sized to render the body wall substantially impervious to liquid.

12-16. (Canceled)